

Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 2023  
Uptown United Office  
4619 North Broadway – 4:30pm

Commissioners Present: Terry Tuohy (*Chair*), Patti Hutzl (*Vice-Chair*), Noreen Keeney (*Secretary*), Kelly Cheng, Dominic Irpino, Nick Pinto, Matthew Ruffi, Lesley Showers, Karl Sullivan  
Commissioners Absent: David Rettker (*Treasurer*), Winston Feng, Erin Hoang  
Others in Attendance: Sarah Wilson (*Uptown United*), Justin Weidl (*Uptown United*), Henok Misgina (*Uptown Gallery*)

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

- a. Tuohy called meeting to order at 4:32pm.

**2. Public Input**

- a. None

**3. Approval of Minutes**

On acceptance of minutes for the below meeting:

*Motion to accept January 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 minutes.*

**Motion:** Cheng

**Second:** Keeney

**VOTE:** Approve – All

**Motion Passes.**

**4. Budget and Financial Report**

- a. Weidl presented a financial report.
  - i. All 2022 payments have been made and a majority of deposits from 2022 tax bills have been made. Some of these fell in January due to delayed Cook County billing.
  - ii. Balance Sheet as well as Budget v Actuals looks typical for this time of year.

**5. 2023 Budget Amendment**

- a. A budget amendment will likely not be needed since audit reports are done on an accrual basis governmental model. Delayed Cook County tax payments will fall in 2022 reports.

**6. Security Rebate Program**

- a. Weidl presented a security rebate application from Marina’s Café for a security camera and alarm system at 4554 N Magnolia Avenue.

*Motion to accept security rebate application from Marina’s Café.*

**Motion:** Ruffi

**Second:** Cheng

**VOTE:** Approve – All

**Motion Passes.**



## 7. Curb Appeal Rebate Program

- a. Weidl presented a curb appeal rebate application from Elim Wig & Hair for a new storefront window glass pane at 4631 North Broadway.

*Motion to accept curb appeal rebate application from Elim Wig & Hair.*

**Motion:** Cheng

**Second:** Keeney

**VOTE:** Approve – All

**Motion Passes.**

- b. Weidl presented a curb appeal rebate application from Tapestry 360 for new garden beds to be installed at 845 W Wilson Avenue.
- Wilson mentioned that Tapestry 360 will be relovating within the next year or two.
  - Tuohy commented that cedar planters are very expensive and there may be more cost effective materials for planters.
  - Weidl to discuss project timeline and material selections with applicant.

- c. Weidl presented a curb appeal rebate application from Mariana’s Café for new signage at 4554 N Magnolia Avenue.

- Hutzel commented that the sign has already been installed.
- Applicant is not eligible for program.

- d. Weidl presented a curb appeal rebate application from Thai Pastry Restaurant for new signage at 1063 W Argyle Street.

*Motion to accept curb appeal rebate application from Thai Pastry Restaurant.*

**Motion:** Cheng

**Second:** Keeney

**VOTE:** Approve – All

**Motion Passes.**

## 8. Public Art Grant Program

- a. Weidl presented a public art grant request from Damon Lamar Reed for a mural to be painted on The Lawrence House at 1020 W Lawrence Avenue.

*Motion to approve \$5,000 for mural by Damon Lamar Reed.*

**Motion:** Cheng

**Second:** Keeney

**VOTE:** Approve – All

**Motion Passes.**

- b. Weidl presented a public art grant request from Christophe Gausparro for a mural to be painted on Aragon Parking Lot building at 1036 W Lawrence Avenue.

- Ruffi requested more information about property owner and lifespan of building.

- c. Weidl presented a public art grant request from Jesse Hora for a mural to be painted on Elim Wig & Hair at 4631 North Broadway

- Cheng commented that the mural looks too much like a sign or curb appeal.
- Tuohy suggested finding a different wall for this artist.



- d. Weidl presented a public art grant request from Akeem Muhomad for a mural to be painted on the shipping container of the Winthrop Garden at 4628 N Winthrop Avenue.
  - i. Tuohy suggested that the mural be larger and include the second shipping container.  
*Motion to approve \$2,000 for mural by Akeem Mohamed.*  
**Motion:** Cheng                      **Second:** Keeney  
**VOTE:** Approve – All      **Motion Passes.**
  
- e. Weidl presented a public art grant request from David Versluis to install a sculpture at The Lawrence House at 1020 W Lawrence Avenue.  
*Motion to approve \$3,000 for sculpture by David Versluis.*  
**Motion:** Ruffi                      **Second:** Keeney  
**VOTE:** Approve – All      **Motion Passes.**
  
- f. Weidl presented a public art grant request from Graceland Cemetery for fifteen (15) additional art panels to be painted as a part of Uptown Art Week.  
*Motion to approve \$7,500 for fifteen (15) additional mural panels.*  
**Motion:** Cheng                      **Second:** Keeney  
**VOTE:** Approve – All      **Motion Passes.**

**9. Next Meeting**

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 4:30pm via Zoom.

**10. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn at 5:59pm:*

**Motion:** Cheng                      **Second:** Keeney  
**VOTE:** Approve – All      **Motion Passes.**

**Minutes Submitted By:** Justin Weidl, *Director of Neighborhood Services*